THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, hon. Members are confounding two different things. When any prisoner tries to communicate with other prisoners, certain privileges are stopped, but ordinary facilities for reading and writing are not denied to any class of prisoners. But when the slates and pencils are used for inter-communication and infiltration, the prison authorities are entitled to interfere."

SRI A. K. SUBBIAH :—" The Hon. Minister was telling the House that some more amenities were given to the prisioners. Will he be pleased to state what the amenities are? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" If a separate question is put I will be able to furnish the information."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, ముఖ్య మంత్రిగారు మనకు జైలులో వున్నప్పుడు మనకు కాగితములను ఇవ్వని కారణంచేత మనము పలకలనే, మనగురించి ఇతరులకు తెలియజేసుకొనేందుకు, ఉపయోగించెడివారము ఆ విషయము జ్ఞాపకమున్నదా? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" బాగా జ్ఞాపకమున్నది."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, in view of this specific allegation that is made by the Hon. Chief Minister, is he prepared to conduct an open enquiry, with a committee of this House, into these allegations? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir; but the Government are enquiring into all the representations that have been made but no committee of the House can be constituted for enquiring into the Jail and Prison affairs which are difficult even as they are."

Commissioner for Prohibition.

* 81 Q.—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) the name of the officer who is the Commissioner for Prohibition in the State of Madras now;

(b) how long has the present incumbent been in the place; and

(c) whether he has a permit for the consumption and storage for personal consumption of foreign liquor?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) Sri V. N. Kudva, I.C.S.

" (b) From 15th August 1947 onwards (except for 4 months in 1949 when he was on leave).

" (c) The answer is in the negative. It is unfortunate that this sort of question should have been put without proper enquiry since, to a certain extent, it brings into disrepute a class of Officers."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Why are the Government keeping that officer for so long in such a place especially when he is found to be an addict to drink? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I cannot allow the question. The Hon. Minister has already said that such questions should not be put without proper enquiry."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, already the Minister for Prohibition has deprecated the question being put without having a previous enquiry. A supplementary question is now put to suggest that the officer concerned, whose name has been given, is an addict to drink. I submit this question should not be allowed."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have already said so."

Revision of the scales of pay of Assistant Public Prosecutors.

* 82 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether any representation was received from the Assistant Public Prosecutors working in the State for the revision of their pay and allowances and, if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Representation has been received from the Assistant Public Prosecutors for the increase of their scales of pay and the matter is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know, Sir, whether there was revision of scales of pay of the State Public Prosecutors in the City and the Assistant Public Prosecutors? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" In 1947 their scales were revised."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" What is the present scale of pay of the Public Prosecutors and the State Prosecutors? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The present pay is this : Grade I—Rs. 200—10—300, Grade II—Rs. 150—5—200."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the status of the Assistant Public Prosecutors is the same, and emoluments and other amenities are the same, as those enjoyed by the Crown Public Prosecutors and Assistant Prosecutors in the State? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" The Hon. Minister was kind enough to tell us that he is considering the revision of the pay scales of the Public Prosecutors. May I know, Sir, if that is also a financial sabotage? "